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SUBJECT: B.C. GOVERNMENT AGREES TO NEGOTIATE NATIVE LAND CLAIMS

1. IN A COMPLETE ABOUT FACE FROM THE POLICIES OF THE NDP GOVERNMENT, SOCIAL CREDIT LABOR MINISTER ALLAN WILLIAMS, BC MINISTER IN CHARGE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, MET WITH NISHGA TRIBAL COUNCIL AND AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT RESOLVING LONG-STANDING NISHGA CLAIM TO NASS RIVER VALLEY.

2. WILLIAMS AND INDIAN AFFAIRS MINISTER BUCHANAN MET WITH COUNCIL AT NEW AIYANSH, 65 NORTH OF TERRACE. MEETING AND AGREEMENT TO NEGOTIATE IS FIRST POSITIVE STEP IN LAND CLAIMS ISSUE SINCE 1973 COURT DECISION UPHOLDING NISHGA CLAIM. PROGRESS SINCE THEN IMPEDED BY ADAMANT REFUSAL OF BARRETT'S NDP GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS.

3. FRANK CALDER, NISHGA CHIEF AND FORMER NDP CABINET MEMBER, SWITCHED TO SOCIAL CREDIT JUST PRIOR TO DECEMBER 11 ELECTION CITING BARRETT'S REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE INDIAN LAND CLAIMS HIS REASON FOR DEFECTION. CALDER RE-ELECTED EASILY AS A SOCIAL CREDIT CANDIDATE.

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